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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 6 Percent From a Year Ago

Phoenix – On August 1, 2005, Arizona had 313,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from a year ago. Placements last month totaled 29,000 head, 9 percent less than the previous July. During July, 37,000 head were marketed, 6,000 head more than last July. On August 1, 2005, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, 10,000 head more than last August. July placements totaled 72,000 head, up 7,000 head from July 2004. July marketings totaled 59,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 head from last July.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on August 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2004 and 5 percent above August 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.62 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 338,000, 700-799 pounds were 465,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.92 million, slightly below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, 3 percent above 2004 but unchanged from 2003.

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